

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2015

Members Present: Craig Kittel, Ron Volkert and Jim Zajkowski

Others Present: Jeremiah Wendt, Mike Darrow and Tanya Reigel

Alderman Zajkowski called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Alderman Kittel moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Volkert, and carried.

Alderman Kittel moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2015, meeting, seconded by Alderman Volkert, and carried.

Dakota Avenue Bike Route

Jeremiah Wendt stated that the original plan was to have an on-street bike route. At the last meeting, the committee decided to look at an off-street route from High Street to Hatfield Park. Jeremiah presented pictures of the old railroad bed that could possibly be used. Some of the property is vacant and some has been built on. Either the City could purchase the land or request and easement. Flashing lights could be incorporated in the redesign of North Fourth Street to provide for a safer area to cross. There was discussion regarding painting a shared bike route on North Peirce Avenue. The street parking could be limited to one side of Pierce Avenue. It was the consensus of the Committee to explore the option of an on-street route on North Pierce Avenue from High Street to North Fourth Street and an off-street route from North Fourth Street to Hatfield Court. Staff will contact property owners along the off-street portion to gauge the possibility of acquiring property or easements necessary for this route. Staff will look for funding from Safe Routes to School or from the DNR for this project. Alderman Kittel moved to proceed with the south to north trail connection from Doughboy Trail to Hatfield with the off-street option, seconded by Alderman Zajkowski and carried.

Dakota Avenue Bike Route Signage/Painting

Staff will hold off on signage and painting on the northern route from High Street to Hatfield Court until more information is known about the off-street possibility discussed above.

Dakota Avenue Bike Route Grant

Alderman Zajkowski moved to accept the Dakota Avenue Bike Route Grant from the New Richmond Area Community Foundation for \$1.000, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Communications and Miscellaneous

Short-Elliott-Hendrickson has been doing preliminary work on the street projects. A public meeting will be held with the property owners in the areas where projects will be going on this year. When more design information is available, Jeremiah will pass it on to this committee.

Alderman Kittel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Volkert, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Tanya Reigel,
City Clerk